

Letters to the Editor ...

A North American "Bunyip"?

Dear Duncan: "The Bunyip Mystery" by Gary Opit (NEXUS 9/01) is interesting. I have never seen a bunyip, but in the state of Michigan, USA, I once saw something rather interesting.

There is a very small, clear stream with an apparent sink-hole approximately 130 miles north of Detroit (down Vandyke Road) on the outskirts of Brown City, on Brown City Road, just south of Clearlake Road. The stream runs between some sod fields and under a small bridge over Brown City Road.

My older brother Allen and I decided to go fishing in the stream one day, on the east side of the bridge, about 20 feet from the bridge. The water was deep. As soon as I let my line down into the water, my, I got a bite! I began reeling my catch up to the surface; however, we had to cut my line and run!

Under the water appeared large black serpents (about 20 of them) that had large, human-sized, humanoid heads, and many long, sharp fangs.

Their eyes are what disturbed us the most. They were human eyes! We didn't wait long enough to see how long they were, nor how hungry.

Someone should capture one for the record. However, if they lose their life trying, it's not my fault.

R. C. van Horn, Ionia, Michigan, USA

Benefits of Coconut Oil

Dear Sir: The article in the last NEXUS on coconut oil reminded me of my own experiences with it when I was a young bodybuilder showing off on Bondi Beach in Sydney.

I cannot comment on its nutritional benefits because I never consumed any, but can share with readers how it helped me in another way.

In order to look good during competitions, and to be noticed by admiring bikini girls, every bodybuilder needed to have a good tan.

To speed up the tanning process and to protect my skin at the same time, I tried various chemist lotions without success because they quickly washed off in the sea and did not enhance tanning.

One day, my old gym instructor suggested I try using coconut oil on my body. "Pull the other one," I replied. However, because it was cheap to buy and I had nothing to lose, I had a go.

Apart from a slight odour, the oil made my body gleam, did not easily wash off in the surf, and gave me a terrific and quick tan. Before long, all the other body-builders were using it.

I cannot of course predict how it might affect other people, but it certainly helped me tan and it protected my skin. I wonder if it's being used in current suntan lotions or is still the best-kept secret in the tanning game.

Dr Eugene Ross, Queensland, Australia

Underground Complexes

Dear Duncan: I have just finished reading the letter on secret tunnels in the latest issue of NEXUS [9/02], and it reminded me of a similar story I've come across before.

It was a radio "documentary" that was on the ABC about 10 years ago, on the subject of the Olympic Dam uranium/gold/copper mine in South Australia.

The reporter was describing the inside of the mine, and at one point he referred to "huge steel doors, several feet thick" that blocked off part of the mine that didn't seem to be involved with the general mining activities. From memory, he wasn't allowed into that part of the mine.

While I don't pretend to be a mining engineer, it seems unusual to need doors that wouldn't look out of place at NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain complex, inside a mine. So it is my theory that there is something down there that has nothing to do with mining. It could be coincidence, and I'm speculating here, but it is convenient that the Olympic Dam mine is either next to or inside the Woomera "Protected" Area, where a lot of secret projects are carried out.

And isn't it nice that they changed the name of the test area from Woomera Prohibited Area to Woomera Protected Area? That gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling, even though I still can't go in there.

John Ritchie, Australia

Microwave Health Hazards

Dear Editor: I found your article, "The Hidden Hazards of Microwave Cooking", very interesting [see website and 2/25].

I work for a food company in the microwave department. We have very large ovens in which to cook bacon for restaurants and some fast-food places. We have five in a row. Sixteen of us have cancer (mine is rare); three have died. We need help: someone to talk to; a professor at a college or something.

The company, the NIOSH and the state are all sweeping it under the rug. They say the levels we are exposed to are quite safe. Yet they can't explain it. I'm interested in finding out about long-term, low-dose exposure—because the ones who got cancer were all in the department more than four years; myself for nine years. When they check the levels, they walk through the place with their instruments for about 15 minutes, then leave. We are in it 40 hours a week, year after year.

We don't know what to do. Don't know who to contact. We are scared. The company is laying off and jobs are getting rarer by the day. Pay is good and benefits are good. A lot of people won't leave because the company has them convinced there is nothing to worry about. I can't leave because I won't find an insurance company that will pay for a pre-existing condition if the crap comes back.

I had chondrosarcoma. My doctor says its primary cause is exposure to radiation! I don't know. Just gettin' desperate for some answers and help.

Robert Shields, USA, dobitus7@dwave.net

Aboriginal Genocides

Hi, Duncan: Read the item on Canadian genocide this morning [NEXUS 9/02]. Great to see you are addressing the genocide issue. What happened in Canada (and many other countries taken over by European invaders) is easily recognised as the same here in Australia. You could be talking about what happened here, and all you would have to do is to put the names of Australian institutes and authorities who served the same function as those in Canada.

In Australia, as you know but are unable to report, the government is also still actively committing genocide and you only need to read the UN charter to understand why this is a fact.

Mass removal of children from families is also an act of genocide, and government has always been aware that such acts, if sustained, lead to the destruction of a race.

Many are sick of these evil crimes against innocent families being defined as "well meaning". It was deliberate, malicious and criminal at the time, and they knew that. This is planned war on Aborigines—no less than what Hitler did to the races he pursued.

Records in Victoria [Australia] reveal government-sponsored "sport shoots" in which thousands of Victorian Aborigines were shot. It is not just coincidence that in many districts we have no original tribe members left. That is because they were shot, deliberately diseased, poisoned, kidnapped, interned, degraded, removed, children taken as sex slaves and abused to death, etc. Tell me what can be "well meaning" in that?

As in Germany, where it is a serious crime to deny the genocide of the Jews, so it should be a crime in Australia to deny the genocide of the indigenous people.

Adriaan Reivers, Truecrest Media

[Good points, Adriaan. I was raised in Tasmania, which, for overseas readers who don't know, is the small island-state to the south of Victoria. Tasmania had its own racially distinct population of Aborigines. Most of them were shot, poisoned and killed, like animals. After decades of this genocide, the remaining few were put onto nearby islands, where they starved to death. Ed.]

Action on GATS Dangers

Dear Sir: The General Agreement on Trade in Services has still received no coverage in the popular media, nor parliamentary or open public debate of any kind. Nobody seems to know about it, but being a party to GATS, as Australia is, will result in massive changes to our lives in Australia.

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NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.

GATS identifies 160 services, which includes just about every service except prostitution, i.e., police/law enforcement/correctional services, water/food supply, armed services, telecommunications, construction/building, education, transport, environmental, health, investment services, etc.

GATS is about putting all government-supplied services out to international tender. The winning tender will be unrestricted by local laws and be able to bring into Australia its own workers at whatever rates of pay the successful tenderer wishes to pay to supply the service.

GATS becomes final in November 2002, and we will have had no say in the agreement because we have not been advised about it. We will be placed in the hands of international cartels supplying services through cheap-labour countries.

It is time to recall the Lima Declaration of 1976, when we agreed to wind down our industry and send it offshore and abolish tariffs. You have heard about the level playing field. Well, get ready for it: it's on our doorstep.

GATS will come into effect in November 2002 unless we stop it. For more information, please contact me.

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Cathie Article Correction

Hi, Duncan: Just received the latest issue [9/02] with my article "Volcanic Activity, Nuclear Tests and the Unified Field".

Looks good, but found one glaring error. On the sixth page of the article, two lines from the bottom of the page, left side, it says "Mururoa was 5844 minutes of arc". This should read "Mururoa was 2545.5844 minutes of arc".

This is a very important part of the article which connects the unified values between Ruapehu and Mururoa and destroys the factual evidence. Can you give a correction in the next issue?

Regards,

Bruce Cathie, New Zealand

Objection to "Bible Fraud"

Dear Duncan: First, may I congratulate you on the many informative—and courageous—articles that appear in NEXUS. I've been reading your magazine for five years and appreciate much of its information, especially on medical issues and current affairs.

I must, however, take issue with Tony Bushby's article, "The Bible Fraud", printed in vol. 9, no. 1. Unfortunately, this article is riddled with inaccuracies and bias and has more holes than the proverbial Swiss cheese.

To take just one example, Mr Bushby writes of "the research records of a highly regarded second-century historian and author named Celsus (c. 178)". To the contrary, Celsus was neither highly regarded nor an historian.

Tony Bushby's statement that Origen "confirms that the paramour of the mother of Jesus was a Roman soldier called Panthera" is patently false.

Origen's book, *Against Celsus*, is a lengthy treatise that "opposes" Celsus and shows the latter to be a fabricator of lies—a fraud.

Restraints of space prevent me from continuing at length. The Bible a fraud? Never. Many detractors, like Mr Bushby and his hero Celsus, have come and gone throughout the ages, but the Bible is still the number-one best-seller in the world.

It would be pleasing to see NEXUS print something in support of the Bible and its historical record, for a change.

Eldo Barkhuizen (academic editor in Church history, biblical studies and theology), aared@onetel.net.uk

[Thanks, Eldo. I have yet to be convinced of the accuracy of the Bible as an historical record. Many of the biblical stories are identical to many Hindu or Sumerian legends, right down to the names of the main characters. Looks to me like the Church hijacked beliefs from more ancient religions and then added 'spin'. Ed.]

Holy Koran Misquoted

Dear Sir: In your last magazine [9/01] you had an inset extract within the article "The Bible Fraud", to the following effect:

"The story of Mary's pregnancy by a Roman soldier also appears in the sacred book of the Moslems, the Koran."

In all the recognised English translations, like, for example, Yusuf Ali, Muhammad Asad and Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal, there is nothing at all which backs up your theory worded as:

"It states [in the Koran] that 'a full-grown man' forced his attentions on Mary, and in her fear of the disgrace that would follow she left the area and bore Jesus in secret."

That is not correct. Rather, it says in Surah Maryam, verses 17-21 of the Koran:

"Then we sent to her Our angel, and he appeared Before her as a man In all respects."

(The Holy Qur'an; text, translation and commentary by Yusuf Ali)

In Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal's translation of the same Surah, he translates the beginning of verse 17: "Then we sent unto her Our Spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man."

The Muslims have no trouble at all in believing in the immaculate conception, because God can do anything.

If He could produce Adam from clay, then it should be easy for Him to let Mary have a son without human intervention.

Mary submitted to the command of the Lord when the archangel Gabriel appeared to her to announce that she would bear a son. Surah 4 (Nisa'a) Women, 156, states that false charges were made against Mary that she was unchaste.

The Koran has not been changed in the course of history (unlike all other holy books, such as the Old Testament, New Testament, Torah, Talmud, etc.) and is until the present day regarded by the Muslims as the divine Revelation of the Prophet Muhammad.

It was memorised by the companions of the Prophet and written down over a long period of years and continually verified by those who knew it by heart. Every era witnesses thousands of Muslims who know the whole Koran by heart.

Thus, although we find your article interesting, it does not tally at all with what is written in the Koran.

People always seek a plausible physical and material explanation for phenomena, but perhaps, despite all our human need for interpretation, we have to admit that nothing is difficult for God and some mystery will always remain.

Yours faithfully,
Virginia Rebler,
Eltville, Germany

[Dear Virginia: We have received many letters from around the globe, querying this very quote. We contacted the author and invited his reply, which is printed below. We also asked Sir Laurence Gardner what he knows on this matter, and we publish his reply at the end of the "Bible Fraud" extract in this edition. Ed.]

Koran Translation Variations

Dear Duncan: Please find my response to the letters received regarding extracts from *The Bible Fraud* in NEXUS Magazine.

As your readers may be well aware, there are over 1,000 variant editions of the Bible in hundreds of different languages. There are also many different translations of the sacred book of Islam, the Koran.

The version of the Koran quoted from in *The Bible Fraud* is one of the earliest Arabic transliterations into the English language currently known.

Translators of ancient languages have differing opinions in terms of the meaning of words and sentences in old manuscripts, and this accounts for transcript variations frequently found in translated writings.

Without having recourse to original texts, researchers and scholars remain divided in their conclusions as to what was originally written by scribes of that time.

I suggest that people read the book in its entirety before commenting.

Tony Bushby, author, *The Bible Fraud*, website <http://www.the-biblefraud.com>